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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified Continuation application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, line 3, Please change "Application" to --Applications--.

On page 1, lines 4 and 5, please delete the entire sentence and insert the following therefor:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/139,163, filed August 24, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/755,459, filed November 22, 1996 (now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,889, 941), which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/015,743, filed April 15, 1996, which applications are incorporated herein by reference.--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-24 and add the following new claims 25-44:

25. (New) A method of processing data for a portable programmed data carrier comprising:  
acquiring personalization data for a cardholder;  
acquiring personalization equipment characteristics for particular personalization equipment;  
creating instructions for an internal script from the personalization data; and  
translating the internal script into a data stream in accordance with the personalization equipment characteristics.

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